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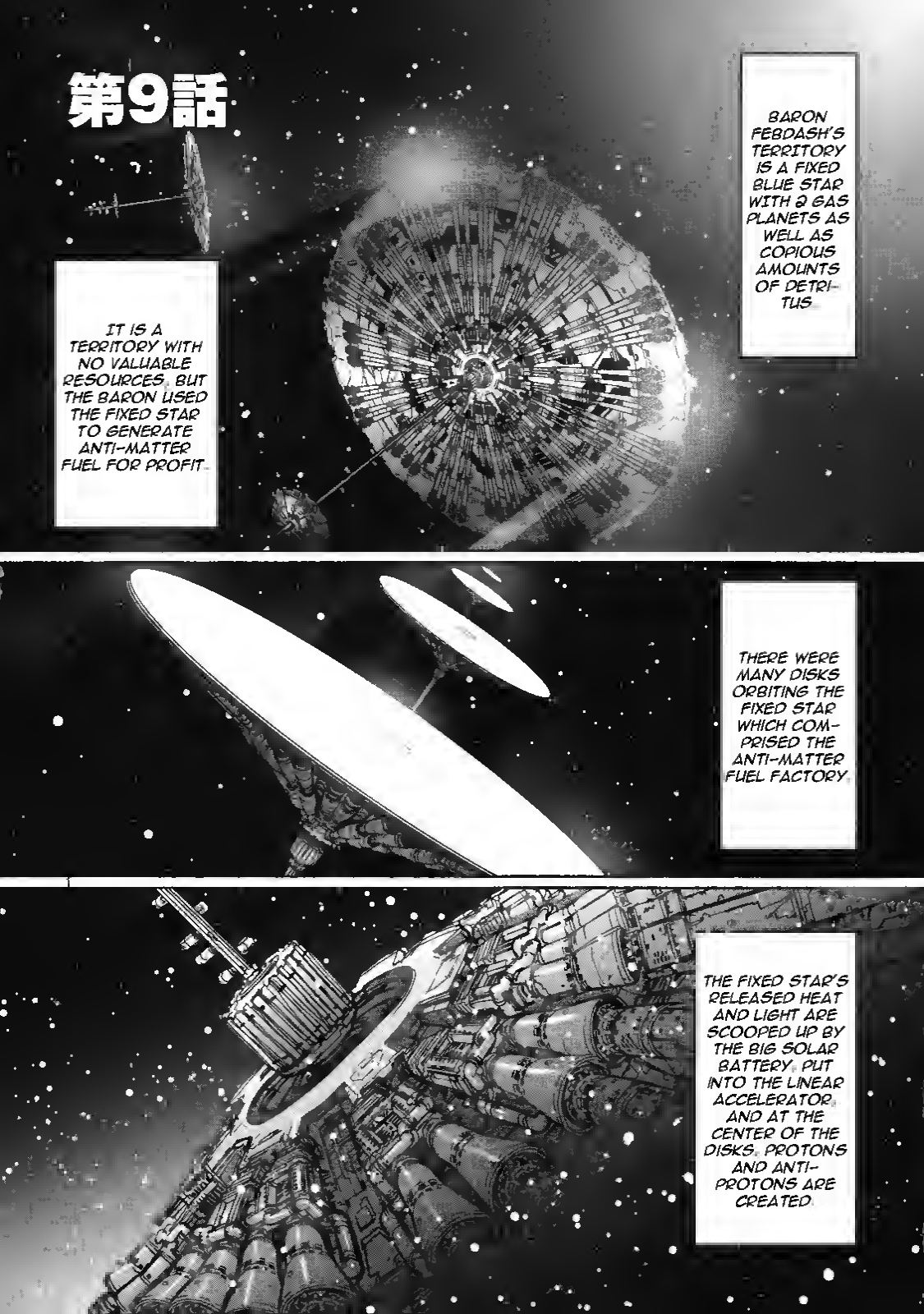
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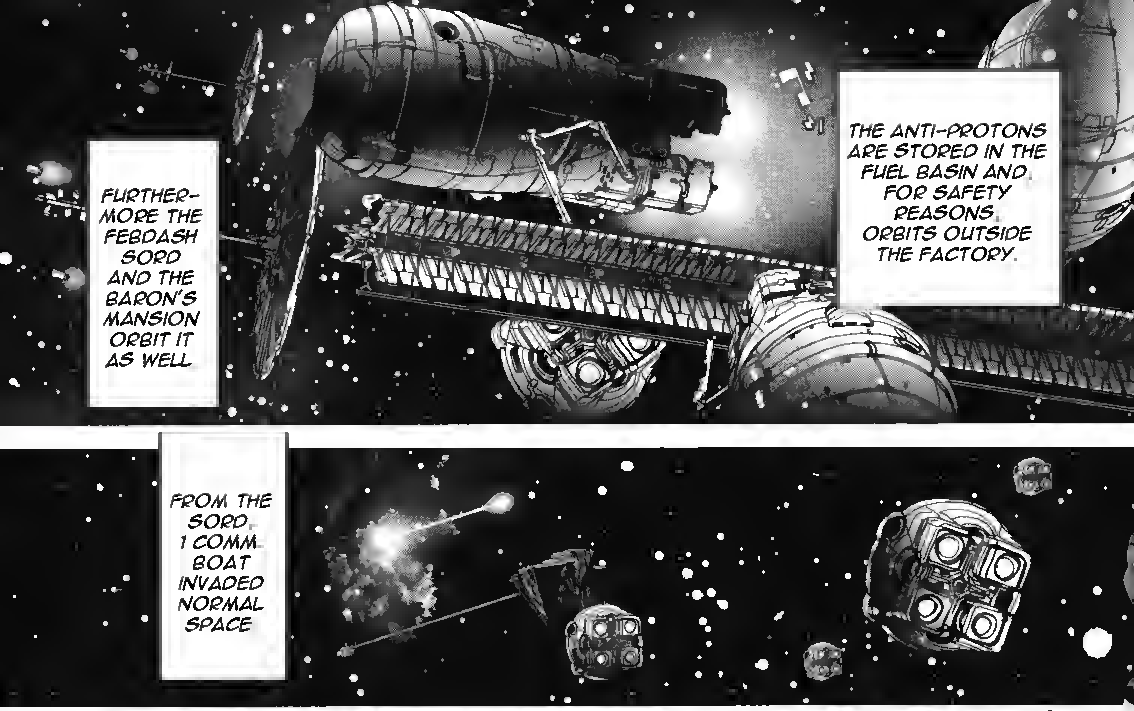
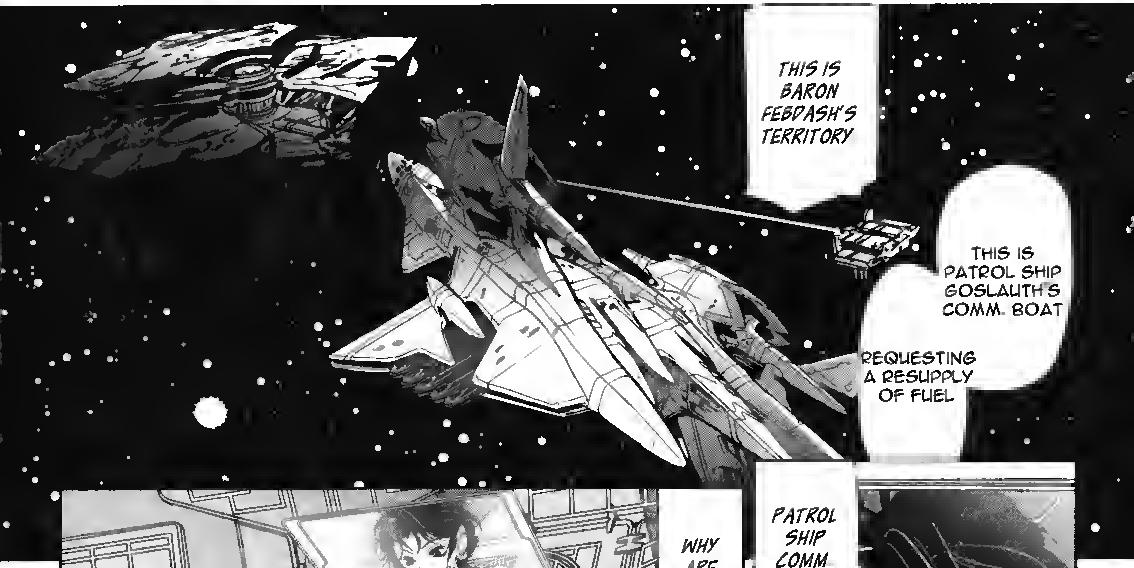
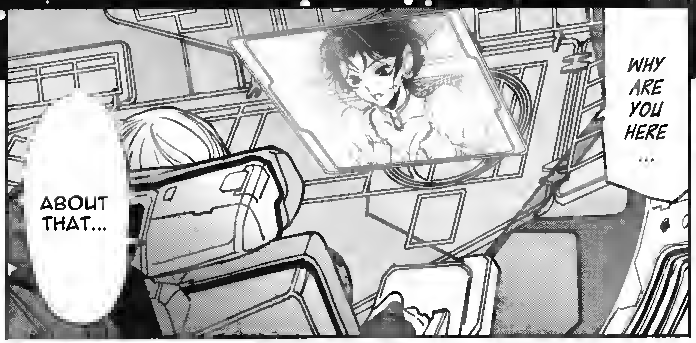
BARON FEBDASH'S TERRITORY IS A FIXED BLUE STAR WITH 2 GAS PLANETS AS WELL AS COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF DETRITUS.
IT IS A TERRITORY WITH NO VALUABLE RESOURCES. BUT THE BARON USED THE FIXED STAR TO GENERATE ANTI-MATTER FUEL FOR PROFIT.
THERE WERE MANY DISKS ORBITING THE FIXED STAR WHICH COMPRISED THE ANTI-MATTER FUEL FACTORY.
THE FIXED STAR'S RELEASED HEAT AND LIGHT ARE SCOOPED UP BY THE BIG SOLAR BATTERY, PUT INTO THE LINEAR ACCELERATOR, AND AT THE CENTER OF THE DISKS, PROTONS AND ANTI-PROTONS ARE CREATED.

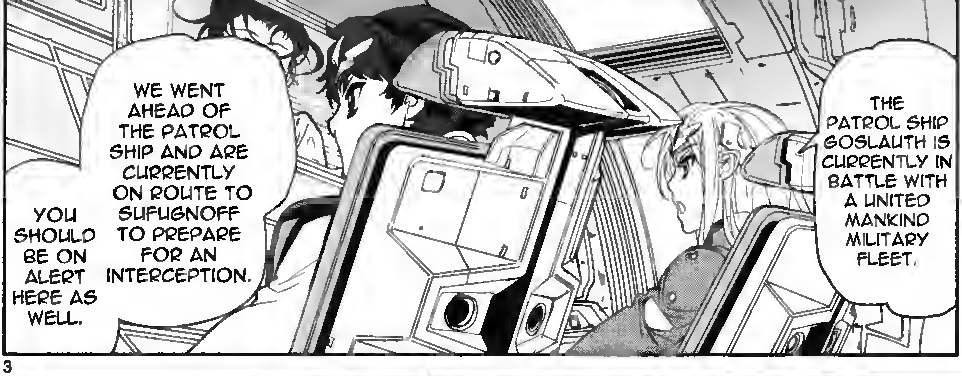

THE ANTI-PROTONS ARE STORED IN THE FUEL BASIN AND, FOR SAFETY REASONS, ORBITS OUTSIDE THE FACTORY.
FURTHER-MORE THE FEBDASH SORD AND THE BARON'S MANSION ORBIT IT AS WELL.

FROM THE SORD, 1 COMM. BOAT INVADED NORMAL SPACE


THIS IS BARON FEBDASH'S TERRITORY
THIS IS PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH'S COMM. BOAT
REQUESTING A RESUPPLY OF FUEL


WHY ARE YOU HERE ...
ABOUT THAT...

PATROL SHIP COMM. BOAT?


THE PATROL SHIP GOSLAUTH IS CURRENTLY IN BATTLE WITH A UNITED MANKIND MILITARY FLEET.
WE WENT AHEAD OF THE PATROL SHIP AND ARE CURRENTLY ON ROUTE TO SUFUGNOFF TO PREPARE FOR AN INTERCEPTION.
YOU SHOULD BE ON ALERT HERE AS WELL.

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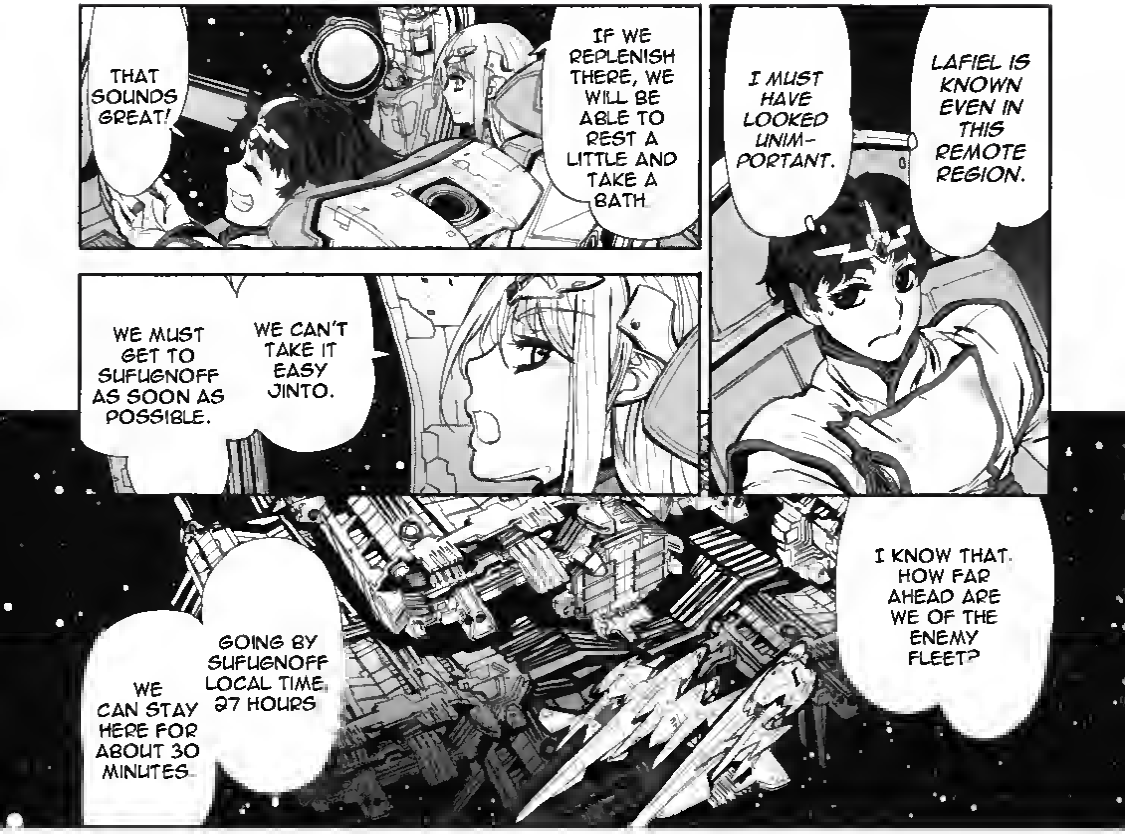
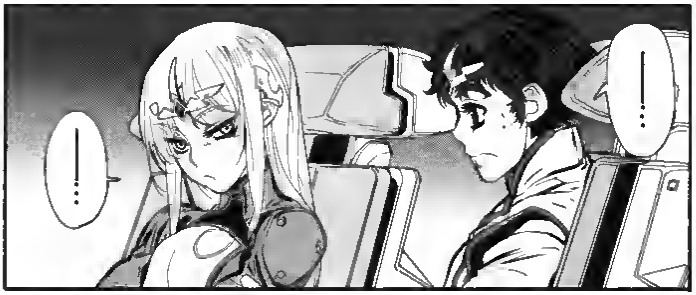
T-THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD TO MY LORD...
OF COURSE, YOU SHALL DO THAT.
OH ...
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
CAN I LEAVE THE DOCK GUID-ANCE TO YOU?
OF COURSE! I WILL DO IT NOW, YES.


LAFIEL IS KNOWN EVEN IN THIS REMOTE REGION.
I MUST HAVE LOOKED UNIM-PORTANT.
IF WE REPLENISH THERE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO REST A LITTLE AND TAKE A BATH.
THAT SOUNDS GREAT!
I KNOW THAT. HOW FAR AHEAD ARE WE OF THE ENEMY FLEET?
WE CAN'T TAKE IT EASY JINTO.
WE MUST GET TO SUFUGNOFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
GOING BY SUFUGNOFF LOCAL TIME, 27 HOURS
WE CAN STAY HERE FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

WE ARE PROBABLY THE SMELLIEST COUNT AND PRINCESS IN THE GALAXY.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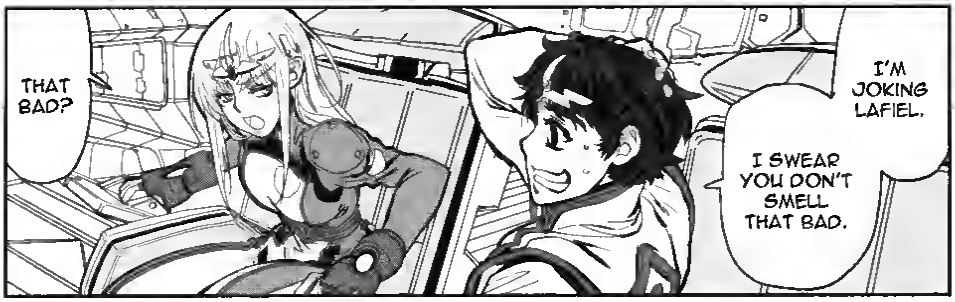
THEN AGAIN IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA TO TAKE A BATH.

WHAT'S THAT JINTO?
ARE YOU EXPRESSING A LONGING FOR DEATH? I WOULD BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU.


I'M JOKING LAFIEL.
I SWEAR YOU DON'T SMELL THAT BAD.
THAT BAD?

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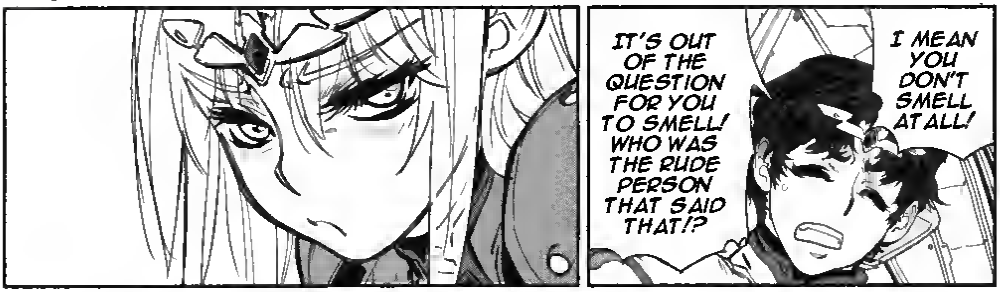
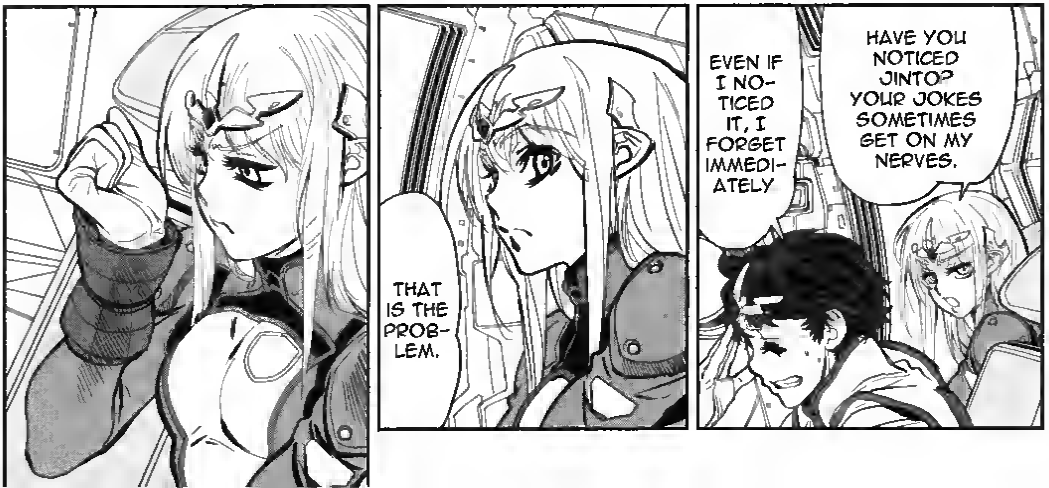
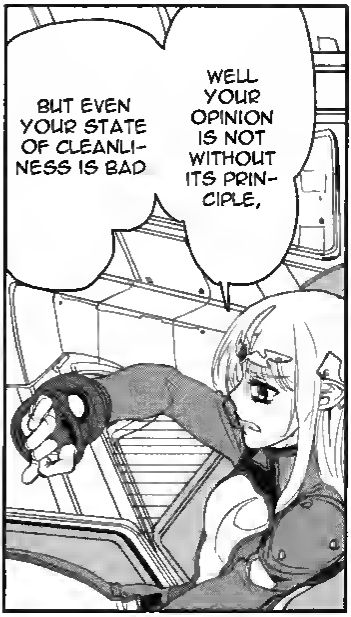

I MEAN YOU DON'T SMELL AT ALL!
IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR YOU TO SMELL! WHO WAS THE RUDE PERSON THAT SAID THAT!?


HAVE YOU NOTICED JINTO? YOUR JOKES SOMETIMES GET ON MY NERVES.
EVEN IF I NOTICED IT, I FORGET IMMEDIATELY
THAT IS THE PROBLEM.

BUT IF YOU SEARCH THE EMPIRE, YOU WOULD FIND 93 OTHER COUNTS MORE UNCLEAN THAN ME.
WELL, YEAH.


BUT EVEN YOUR STATE OF CLEANLINESS IS BAD
WELL YOUR OPINION IS NOT WITHOUT ITS PRINCIPLE,

WHA-!
AND WHEN COMPARED TO THE PRINCESS, THE FORMER'S NUMBERS WOULD ALWAYS BE GREATER.

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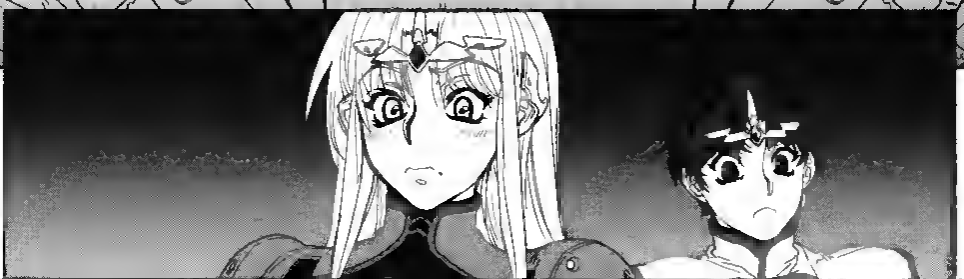

I UNDERSTAND.
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU I WANT YOU TO ADDRESS ME AS A STAR FORCE'S TRAINEE FLYER.
PRINCESS, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME THIS WAY? I WILL SHOW YOU TO THE BREAK ROOM.
NO WAY!
IS IT ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
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THAT IS...
HUH, WHY?
YOUR SEAT IS THIS WAY.

O-OKAY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND SIT DOWN!
JINTO!
I WILL PREPARE THE BATHING HALL INSTEAD. PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.
A MEMBER OF THE ROYALTY USING A SHOWER!
INSTEAD OF A DRINK, COULD YOU TAKE ME TO THE SHOWER ROOM?
WHAT KIND OF DRINK WOULD YOU LIKE?
I WILL RELAY THE REPLY.
I SEE...
WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME MISS VASSAL. BESIDES THE ROYAL FAMILY USES THE SHOWER AS WELL.
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SAME.
I DON'T LIKE THIS ATMO-SPHERE.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOBILITY AND ROYALTY
THANKS
GO AHEAD
IS SHE OKAY?
AH!

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY!
HOW COULD YOU SEELNAY!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
I SPILLED THE PRINCESS' DRINK!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
CARELESSNESS, YOU MEAN THIS?
PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR MY CARELESSNESS...
!!!
AH!
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR

THEN ...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT I CAN WIPE OFF MY OWN FINGER.
AH, WHAT A WASTE!
I WILL WIPE IT OFF IMMEDI-ATELY, SO
PLEASE ABOUT THIS...
LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.
THE PRIN-CESS SAID IT HERSELF SEELNAY.
YES.
Y-YES.
WOULDN'T SAYING ANY-THING FURTHER BE CONSIDERED IMPOLITE?
UMM.

THE CREW WERE RESPECT-ABLE PEOPLE!
ALTHOUGH I THINK THE CREW MEMBERS I MET ON THE GOSLAUTH WERE MORE RESOLUTE.
ARE ALL THE CITIZENS LIKE THIS?
IT'S LIKE THEY ARE SCARED OF SOMETHING.
I AM LIKING THIS PLACE LESS AND LESS.

THE VASSALS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY THAT I KNOW OF TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR WORK, THAT IN ITSELF IS NOBLE.
THAT SEEMS LIKE IT'S PLENTY RESPECT-ABLE TO ME
YOU ARE BEING IG-NORED.
THANKS FOR THE INSIGHT. I WAS AT THE POINT WHERE I WAS THINKING THAT.
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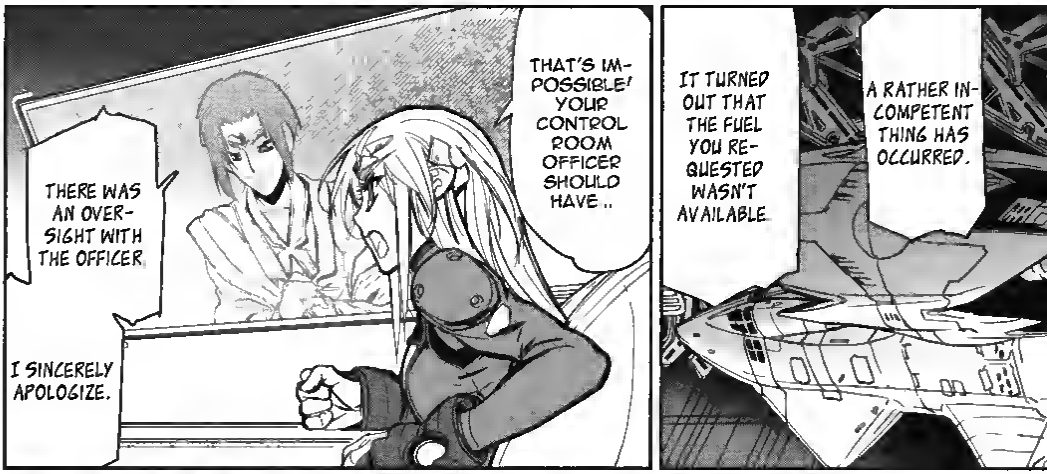
PLEASE PARDON THIS COMMUNI-CATION.
I ASSUME YOU ARE FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY KRYB, YOUR HIGHNESS LAMHIRH
YES I AM ABLIARSEC NÉÏC DUBLEUSCR BŒRH PARHYNR LAMHIRH.
NICE TO MEET YOU BARON.
AND THIS IS HIS EXCELLENCY LINN SSYNEC ROCR ÏARLUCEC DREUC GHINTEC.
MY NAME IS ATOSRYAC SSYNEC ATOSR RYUFU FEBDAK CLÜARH.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
A PLEA-SURE, BARON.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, YOUR EXCELLENCY COUNT HYDE.

WHAT'S THAT?
I HAVE SOMETHING TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU IN ADVANCE.
NOW PRINCESS.


THERE WAS AN OVERSIGHT WITH THE OFFICER.
I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOUR CONTROL ROOM OFFICER SHOULD HAVE..
IT TURNED OUT THAT THE FUEL YOU REQUESTED WASN'T AVAILABLE.
A RATHER INCOMPETENT THING HAS OCCURRED.

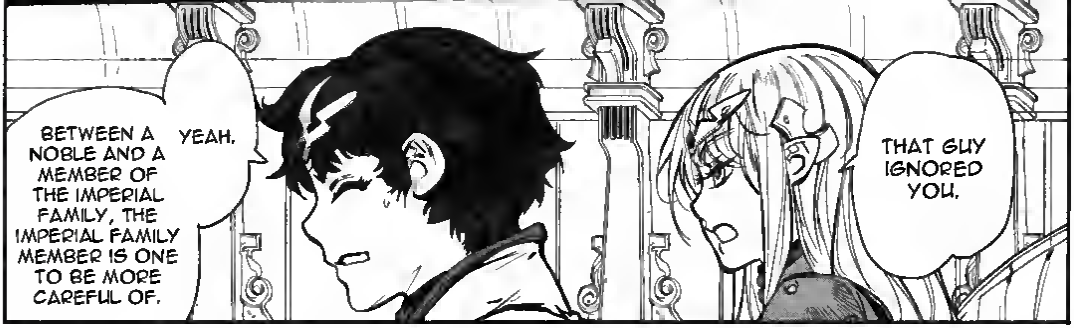
I SEE.
THEN ALLOW US TO RESUPPLY DIRECTLY FROM THE FUEL TANK ASTEROIDS

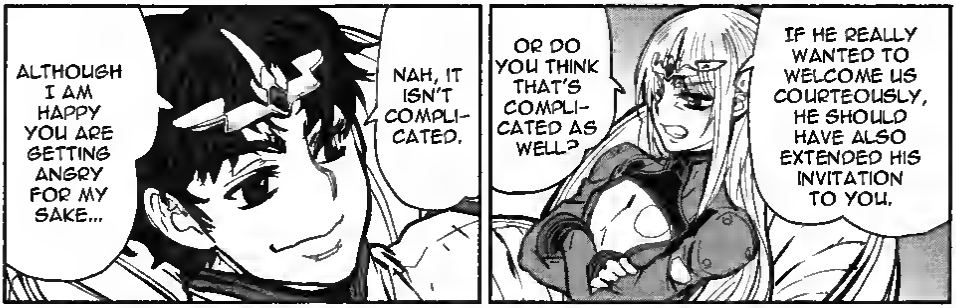
BY ALL MEANS, YOU SHOULD VISIT MY HUMBLE ORBITING MANSION.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IF I LET YOU GO ON YOUR WAY LIKE THIS, IT WOULD BE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE FEBDASH FAMILY.

I HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT, YOUR HIGHNESS.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER, BUT...
THIS IS NOT A COURTESY VISIT BARON.
DID YOU NOT HEAR ABOUT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES?
WOULDN'T IT BE A BETTER IDEA TO WITHDRAW FROM YOUR TERRITORY?
SINCE YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES, RATHER THAN US BEING WELCOMED, THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE YOU NEED TO DO.
WELL, PLEASE LISTEN.
I SEE, BUT...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. BUT WE DON'T HAVE A SHIP.
THE FILLED FUEL TANK ASTEROIDS ARE IN A FAR ORBIT FROM HERE.
THE ONLY THINGS THAT ARE CIRCLING HERE ARE SMALL EMPTY STARS.
THAT CAN'T BE...

IN 12 HOURS WE WILL BE IN PROXIMITY OF IT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT, WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCELERATING TOWARDS THE SMALL STAR.
EVEN IF IT IS A LITTLE FAR, WE WILL GO TO IT.
YOU SHALL FORGIVE ME.
I KNOW THE MOST ABOUT THE FAMILY TERRITORY.
DO YOU DOUBT ME YOUR HIGHNESS?
AT LEAST WIPE YOUR SWEAT OFF AND PLEASE LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU WITH A PLAIN MEAL.
IN THE MEAN TIME, YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE RELAX IN MY MANOR
12 HOURS
I SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE THAT RIGHT.
AH.
THEN AS THE TERRITORY'S SOVERIGN, I CAN REQUEST DETAILED INFORMATION FROM THE STAR FORCES.
I AM REQUESTING FUEL FROM YOU AS AN OFFICER OF THE STAR FORCES.
I AM NOT A MEMBER OF THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD RIGHT NOW.

THAT'S RIGHT BARON, I FORGOT.
IF WE GAVE YOU OUR NAVIGATION LOG, WE WILL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND RENDEZVOUS AT THE NEAREST FUEL ASTEROID.
BUT, HER HIGHNESS' COMM. BOAT REQUIRES A LITTLE INSPECTION AND A REPORT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN.
IT'S ELEGANT, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THEY ARE QUARRELING
THIS IS A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE EMPIRE'S ELITE HUH...
I DON'T KNOW AS I HAVEN'T HEARD THE DETAILS. PLEASE ASK THE PERSON IN CHARGE.
NOW THEN, MY VASSALS WILL GUIDE YOU. PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.
INSPECTION? WHERE?


THAT GUY IGNORED YOU.
YEAH. BETWEEN A NOBLE AND A MEMBER OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY, THE IMPERIAL FAMILY MEMBER IS ONE TO BE MORE CAREFUL OF.


IF HE REALLY WANTED TO WELCOME US COURTEOUSLY, HE SHOULD HAVE ALSO EXTENDED HIS INVITATION TO YOU.
OR DO YOU THINK THAT'S COMPLI-CATED AS WELL?
NAH, IT ISN'T COMPLI-CATED.
ALTHOUGH I AM HAPPY YOU ARE GETTING ANGRY FOR MY SAKE...

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GETTING ANGRY FOR YOUR SAKE.
YOU CAN'T TRUST THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE.
INSPECT-ING THE COMM. BOAT IS ALSO A LIE.
HE MIGHT WANT TO KEEP US HERE.
I SEE.

BUT WHY?
HMM...
FOR EXAMPLE, HE MIGHT WANT THE SHIP.
FOR WHAT REA-SON?
RUNNING AWAY FROM THE ENEMY FLEET.

FOOL!
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S ETHICS!
EVEN IF YOU DON'T TRUST THE BARON, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IN HIS SENSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS?
LEAVING THE VASSALS BEHIND?
WOULDN'T IT BE ENOUGH FOR THE BARON?
NOT MANY PEOPLE CAN RIDE THE COMM. BOAT.
WITH THE FUTURE THAT AWAITS YOU, YOU WOULD RATHER BE A PRISONER OF THE UNITED MANKIND.
ON TOP OF THAT, TO SEIZE A MILITARY SHIP?
TO THE IMPERIAL FAMILY, ABANDONING VASSALS OR CITIZENS IS CONSIDERED THE MOST EMBARASSING ACT. EVEN THEN, IMPERIAL LAW WILL NOT FORGIVE HIM.
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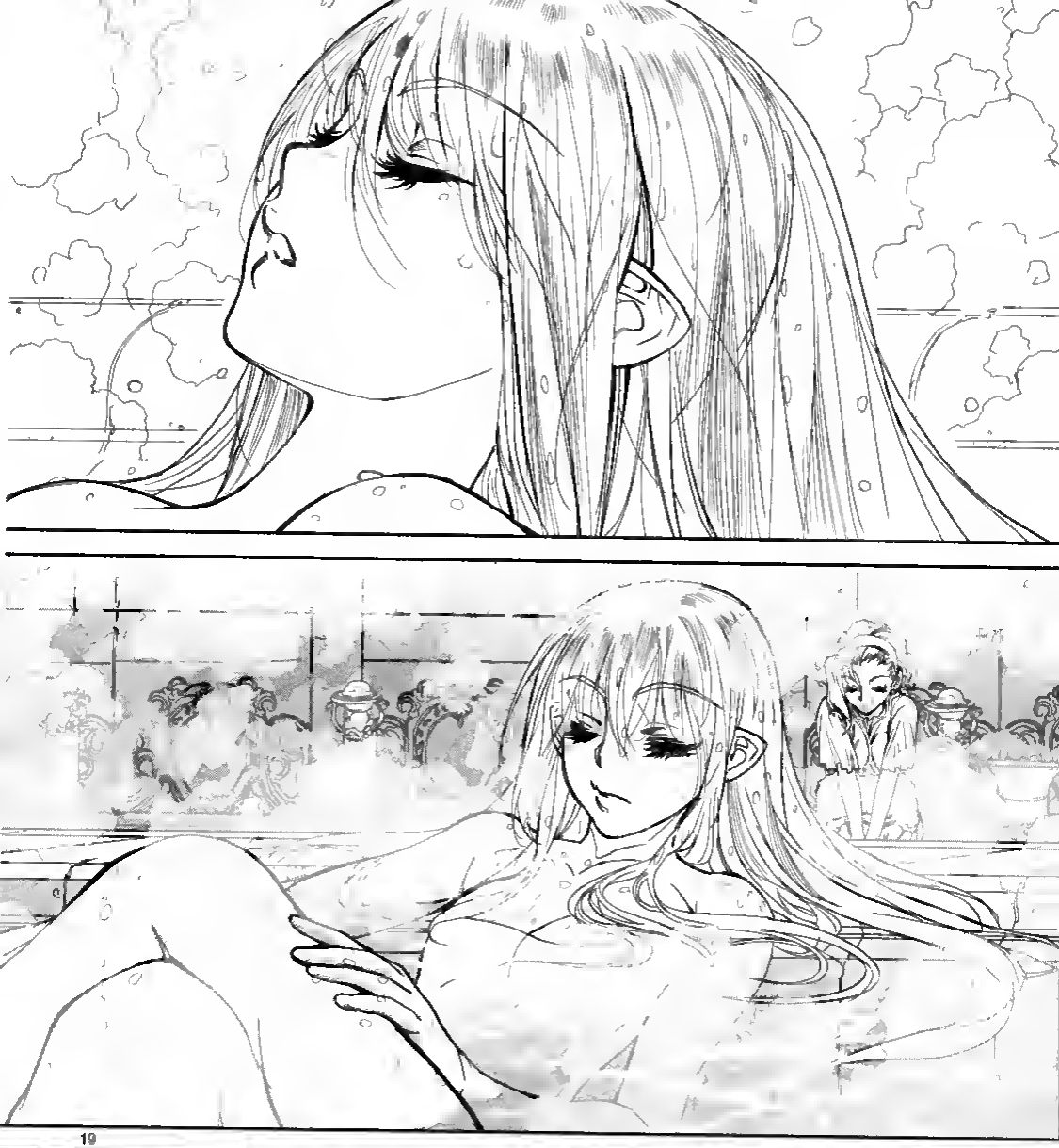
AH, BUT
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'M UNDERSTANDING LESS AND LESS.
I JUST DON'T LIKE THAT GUY.
THAT'S RIGHT, NOBILITY HAS OBLIGATIONS.
I SEE, SO NOBILITY HAS OBLIGATIONS?



DID YOU KNOW THAT AN ENEMY FLEET IS AP-PROACHING?
EVEN SO...

HMM, THE BARON SURE IS TRUSTED.
NO, OUR MASTER WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
ARE YOU NOT AFRAID?
YES.
BUT I DON'T HAVE THE SKILLS TO BECOME A SOLDIER OR A VASSAL.
IT HAS BEEN MY DREAM SINCE I WAS A CHILD TO BE A VASSAL OF THE EMPIRE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM!
OF COURSE!
I AM USUALLY IN CHARGE OF THE MAINTENANCE CHECK OF THE ANTIMATTER FUEL TANKS. THAT'S WHAT THE EDUCATION IS FOR.
YES.
EDUCATION?
IS THAT SO?
IN MY HOMETOWN, GIRLS COULDN'T TAKE HIGHER EDUCATION.
IF IT WAS YOUR DREAM SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD, THEN YOU HAD TIME TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATION.
OUR MASTER TOOK ME IN AND EVEN GAVE ME AN EDUCATION.
YES.

HIS SISTER IS STAYING FAR AWAY IN THE CAPITAL.
TWO, INCLUDING THE MASTER AND HIS FATHER
HOW MANY ABH'S ARE THERE?
WE JUST GOT OUR 50TH ONE.
HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THIS TERRITORY?
IT'S TRUE THERE IS LITTLE STIMULATION.
IT SEEMS TO BE A LONELY LIFE.
STIMULATION ...
SO I'M CONVENIENT STIMULI HUH?
SERVING HER HIGHNESS IS A GREAT HONOR! I WASN'T THINKING OF SOMETHING SO IMPROPER AS HER HIGHNESS BEING A STIMULATION!
PERISH THE THOUGHT!

DO YOU NOT HAVE ANY BODY DRYERS?
THE MASTER SAID BODY DRYERS ARE UNCIVILIZED.
HOW BEAUTIFUL..
THE BARON'S TERRITORY IS CRAZY.
BUT ...
HAVING SOMEONE TAKE CARE OF MY NEEDS SURE FEELS NICE.
EVEN MAKING THEM TAKE CARE OF HIM IN THE BATH, HE'S GOING TOO FAR.
HE MAKES HIS VASSALS TAKE CARE OF HIS DAILY NEEDS.
I WILL WASH YOUR HAIR.
I WILL WASH YOUR BACK.
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HOW VERY UNPLEASANT!
...WHAT ABOUT JINTO!?

AS YOUR HIGHNESS WISHES.
IT IS NOT SAVAGE! I NEED THOSE!
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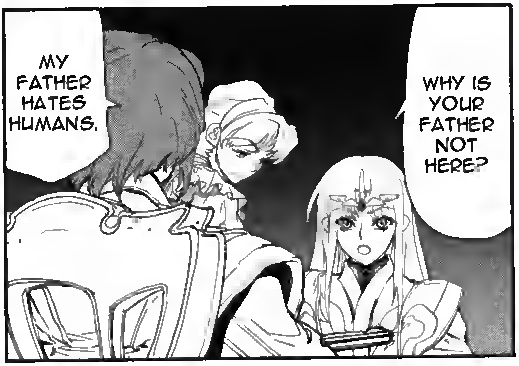
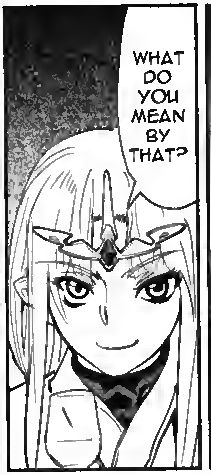
THE MASTER SAID HAVING MILITARY CLOTHES ON DURING DINNER IS SAVAGE.
WHERE IS MY UNIFORM? WHAT HAPPENED TO MY ALPHA AND CREUNOC?
SAVAGE
WHAT BAD TASTE
AH, YOU MEAN HIS EXCELLENCY COUNT HYDE?
HE IS ENTERTAINING MY FATHER.
JINTO?
WHERE IS JINTO?

I'M HEARING A CONTRADICTION
WHY IS YOUR HUMAN HATING FATHER ENTERTAINING GUESTS?

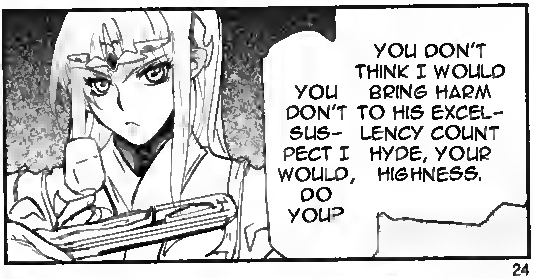

MY FATHER HATES HUMANS.
WHY IS YOUR FATHER NOT HERE?

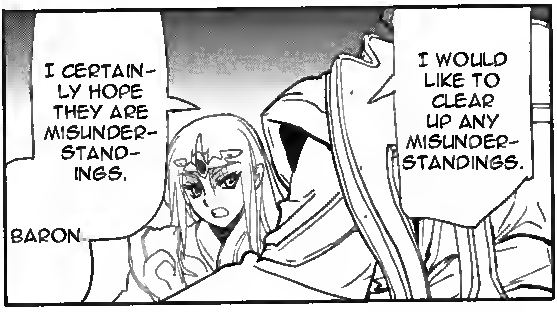
MY MISSION IS TO TAKE JINTO...
I MEAN COUNT HYDE TO SUFUGNOFF.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I CAN'T DO THAT.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

IT'S AS THEY SAY, "MISERY LOVES COMPANY."

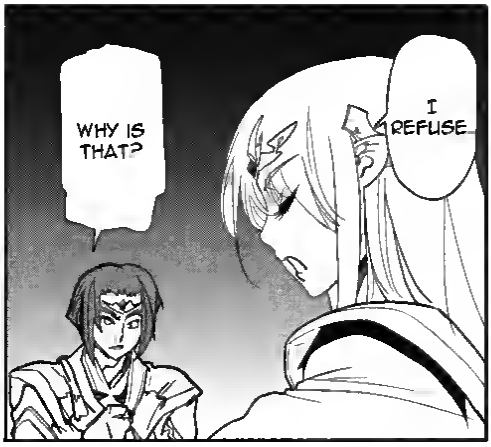
I WOULD LIKE IT IF YOU WOULD CALL ME KLOWAL.
YOU CALL THAT YOUTH BY HIS FIRST NAME.


YOU DON'T SUSPECT I WOULD, DO YOU?
YOU DON'T THINK I WOULD BRING HARM TO HIS EXCELLENCY COUNT HYDE, YOUR HIGHNESS.


I CERTAINLY HOPE THEY ARE MISUNDERSTANDINGS.
I WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS.
BARON

AT ANY RATE, YOUR HIGHNESS IS CERTAINLY IN A STATE OF ANGER.

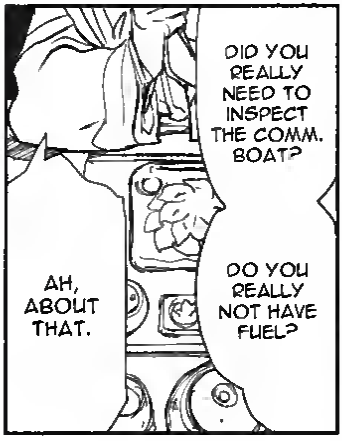
IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO, BARON.

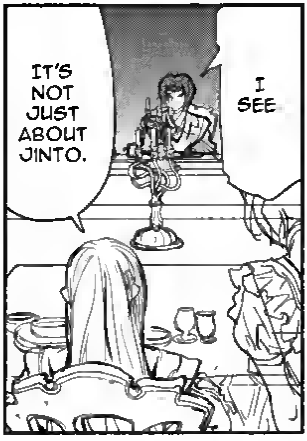

WHY IS THAT?
I REFUSE.

WHY IS THAT?
DID YOU THINK IT WOULD?
DOES MY INVITATION NOT INTEREST YOU AT ALL?

YOU'RE PERCEPTIVE, BARON.
I AM ANGRY.

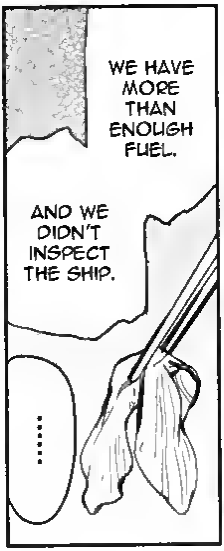
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT LANDER YOUTH HUH.
THAT'S IF IT IS A MISUNDERSTANDING.
YOU ARE NOT CLEARING THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS.


AH, ABOUT THAT.
DO YOU REALLY NOT HAVE FUEL?
DID YOU REALLY NEED TO INSPECT THE COMM. BOAT?


IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT JINTO.
I SEE

JINTO IS ABH NOBILITY.

AS I THOUGHT.


WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH FUEL.
AND WE DIDN'T INSPECT THE SHIP.
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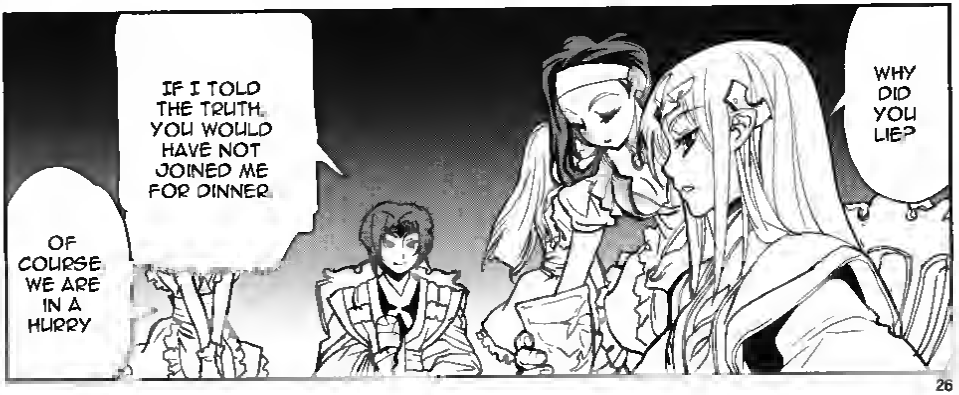
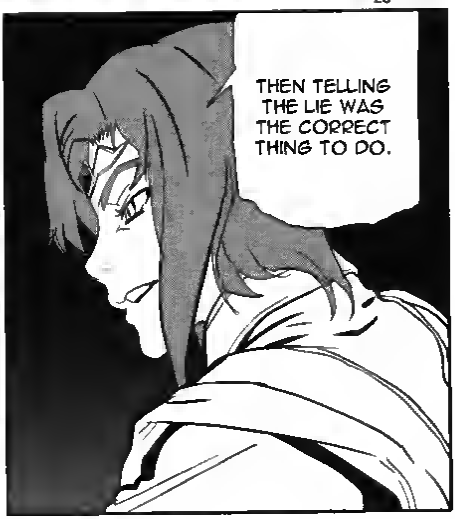
I LIED.


WHY DID YOU LIE?
IF I TOLD THE TRUTH, YOU WOULD HAVE NOT JOINED ME FOR DINNER.
OF COURSE WE ARE IN A HURRY

NOW THAT THE LIE HAS BEEN EXPOSED, I WILL EXCUSE MYSELF AND DEPART IMMEDIATELY.
I BET.

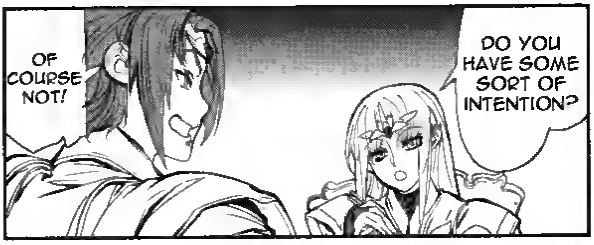
WAS IT? I HATE BEING DECEIVED.

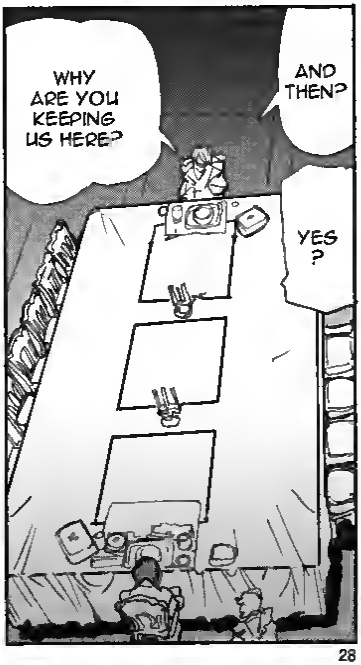

THEN TELLING THE LIE WAS THE CORRECT THING TO DO.

ABOUT THAT YOUR HIGH-NESS,
I WAS HOPING YOU COULD DELAY YOUR DEPARTURE A LITTLE BIT.
AND IF I REFUSE ?
DIDN'T YOU SAY WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY?
I CAN'T HAVE THAT.
EVEN IF IT'S IM-POSSIBLE, I WILL HAVE YOU STAY.
UNTIL WHEN?
UNTIL THE NEXT EMPIRE SHIP ARRIVES. IN OTHER WORDS, UNTIL MY TERRITORY'S SAFETY IS ASSURED.
WHO KNOWS WHEN THAT WILL BE.
INDEED.
UNTIL THEN YOU PLAN TO KEEP US HERE.
YES.
JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW, BUT
THIS ISN'T BECAUSE WE ARE TRYING REBEL

IT APPEARS MAGNIFICENCE DOES NOT FIT IT.
THAT'S A SHAME. MY FAMILY'S HISTORY IS SHORT.

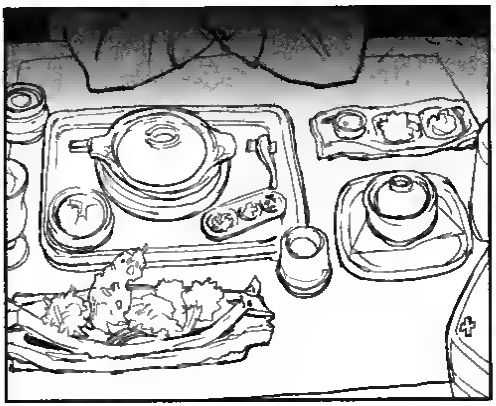
ISN'T THIS ACTION A MAGNIFICIENT ACT OF REBELLION?


OF COURSE NOT!
DO YOU HAVE SOME SORT OF INTENTION?


WHY ARE YOU KEEPING US HERE?
AND THEN?
YES?

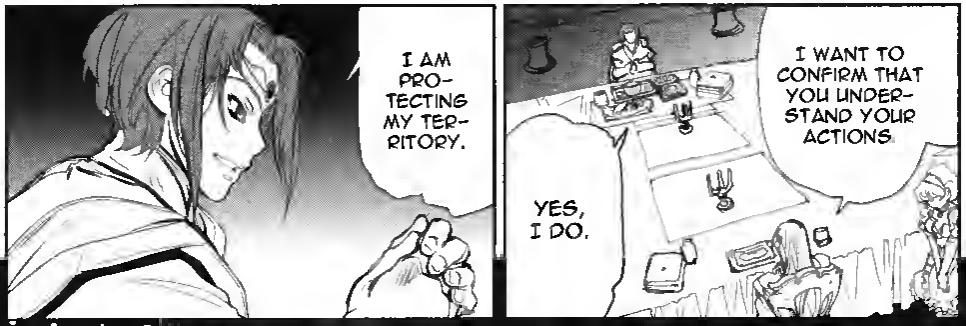
I PLAN TO GIVE YOU A WARM RECEPTION TO MY FULLEST.
AS LONG AS HER HIGHNESS IS AT THIS MANOR,
NOT TO MENTION WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT...

WAS I POISONED?



OH?

IF THE BARON PLANNED TO HE WOULD HAVE SOME SORT OF TRICK TO CONCEAL THE DRUGS IN MY MEAL ALONE.
HOW STUPID!


I AM PROTECTING MY TERRITORY.
I WANT TO CONFIRM THAT YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR ACTIONS.
YES, I DO.

WHAT DOES HAVING US HERE HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH KEEPING YOUR TERRITORY SAFE?
MY TERRITORY IS A MODEST ONE WITH A MEAGER HISTORY.
THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FEBDASH TERRITORY REMAINING UNKNOWN TO THE UNITED MANKIND IS QUITE LARGE.
BUT WHAT IF THEY SPOT A SHIP COMING OUT OF THE FEBDASH SORD?
IF THEY TAKE AN INTEREST IN THIS TERRITORY, WE LACK THE MEANS TO PROPERLY PROTECT THIS PLACE.

SOUND REA-SONING.
HOWEVER GIVING THE ENEMY ONE CHANCE IS ENOUGH.
THEY MIGHT HAVE SEEN YOU.
BUT WE HAVE ALREADY PASSED THE FEB-DASH SORD.
IF THE ENEMY FLEET IS NOT DRIVEN AWAY, THEN IT WOULD BE UNTIL THE EMPIRE RECOVERS THIS AREA.
BUT UNTIL WE CAN CONFIRM THAT THE ENEMY HAS MOVED AWAY FROM THIS AREA, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO STAY AT THIS MANOR.
YOUR HIGHNESS MAY BE UNWILLING,
IM-PLY-ING?
MAY I READ MORE INTO THIS?

THE IMPE-RIAL CREST INSTITUTE SHOULD ALSO APPROVE OF MY ACTIONS.
IT ALL COMES FROM THE NEED TO PROTECT THE TER-RITORY.
THE TERRITORY YOU TRIED SO HARD TO PRO-TECT MIGHT BE SEIZED BY THE EMPIRE
YOU ARE OBSTRUCT-ING THE PASSAGE OF A COMM SHIP PER-FORMING MILITARY DUTIES.

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DO YOU THINK THE IMPERIAL HIGH COURT HAS THAT MUCH LENIENCY?
EVEN IF YOUR NEEDS RESULT IN THE SUFUGNOFF SYSTEM BEING ATTACKED SOON AFTER RECEIVING A WARNING?
THEN WHAT GUILT WILL I HAVE
EVEN WITHOUT YOUR HIGHNESS SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE REPORTED THE ENEMY FLEET'S APPROACH
THAT IS ALSO FINE THE TRAFFIC VOLUME IN SUFUGNOFF IS ALSO GREAT
WHICH IS WHAT I HOPE YOU WILL TESTIFY TO.
THE HIGH COURT WOULD THINK THAT I SHOWED COURTESY TO HER HIGHNESS.

SO YOU SAY, PLEASE EXCUSE ME YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT'S UNNECESSARY TO HAVE YOU INFORM ME OF MY OWN FAMILY'S STATE OF HONOR.
DON'T SPEAK THAT NAME.
IN ABRIEL'S NAME.

PUTTING ME ASIDE, WHAT IS JINTO DOING?
COUNT HYDE AND MY FATHER ...
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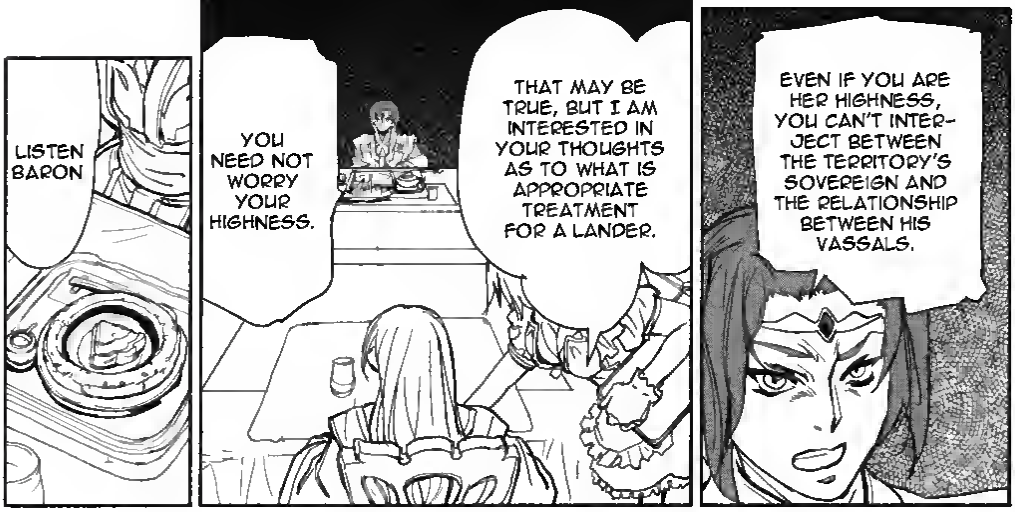
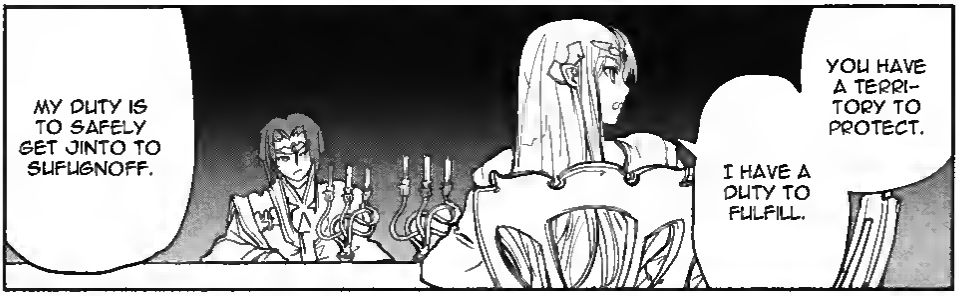
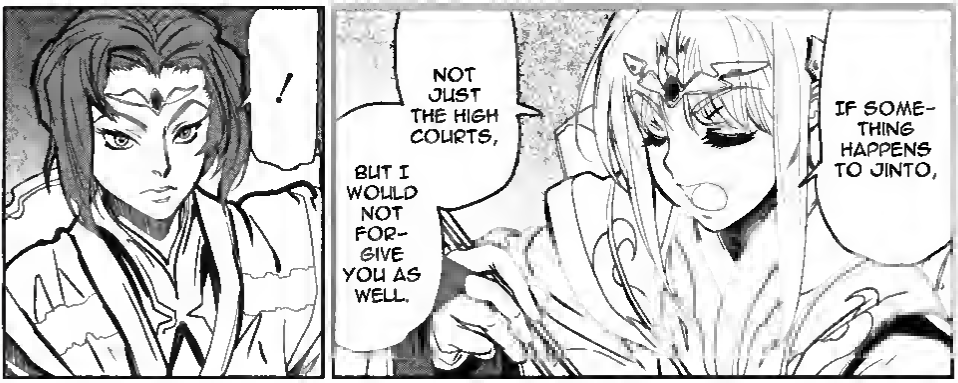
YOU BETTER NOT SPOUT NON-SENSE BARON
I TOLD YOU THAT I HATE BEING DECEIVED.
I UN-DER-STAND.
HOW MANY TIMES MUST I SAY THE SAME THING?
JINTO IS A NO-BLE-MAN.
AS A LANDER HE IS RECEIV-ING THE PROPER TREAT-MENT.
I HAVE NO CAPACITY TO TREAT THAT YOUNG LORD AS A NOBLEMAN, HOWEVER
I'VE NEVER SEEN MORE SERVILE CITIZENS THAN THE VASSALS I SEE HERE.
IT'S AS PAINFUL TO WATCH AS A CAT BEING TRAINED.
I MUST SAY YOU HAVE A SPECIAL OPINION ON A CITIZEN'S STATUS.


LISTEN BARON
YOU NEED NOT WORRY YOUR HIGHNESS.
THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT I AM INTERESTED IN YOUR THOUGHTS AS TO WHAT IS APPROPRIATE TREATMENT FOR A LANDER.
EVEN IF YOU ARE HER HIGHNESS, YOU CAN'T INTERJECT BETWEEN THE TERRITORY'S SOVEREIGN AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS VASSALS.


MY DUTY IS TO SAFELY GET JINTO TO SUFUGNOFF.
YOU HAVE A TERRITORY TO PROTECT.
I HAVE A DUTY TO FULFILL.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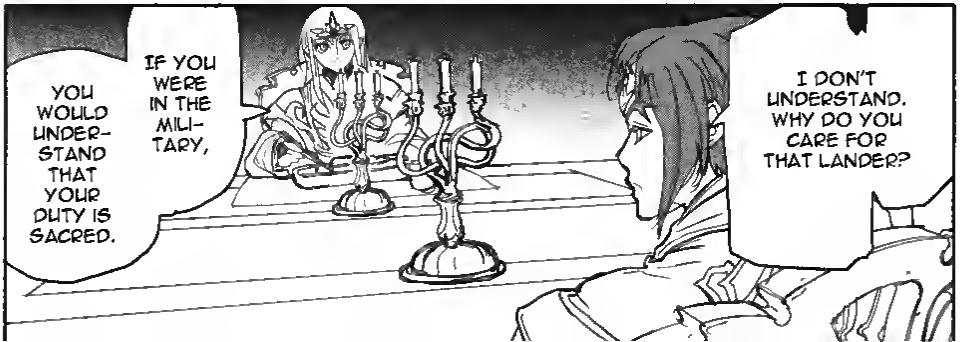
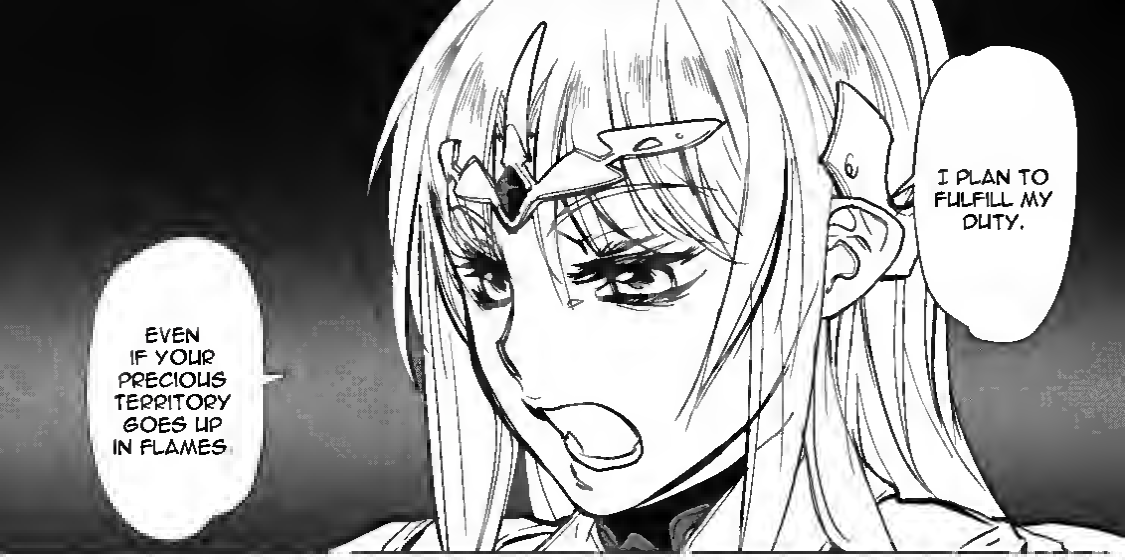
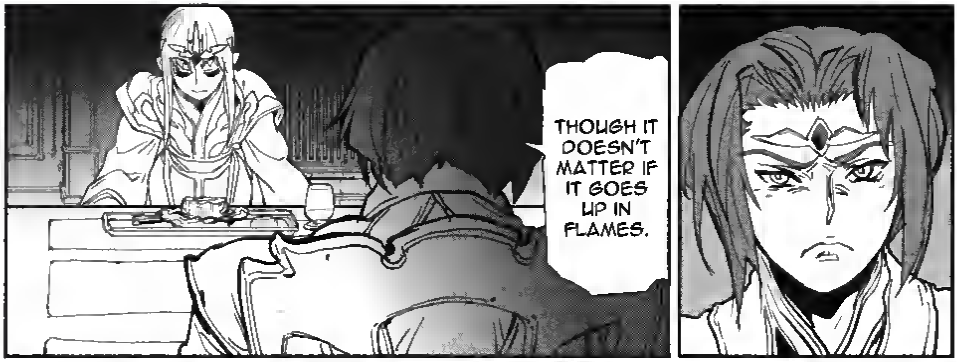
NOT JUST THE HIGH COURTS,
BUT I WOULD NOT FORGIVE YOU AS WELL.
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO JINTO,

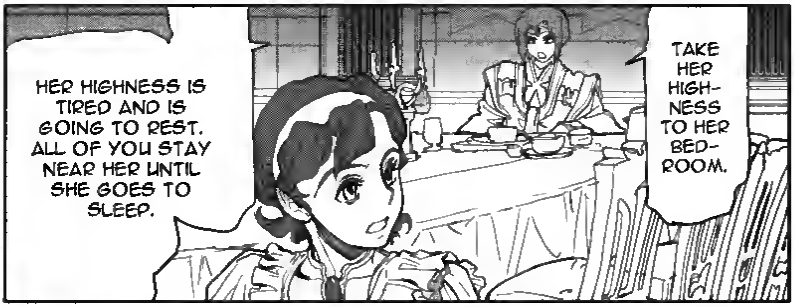

YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR DUTY IS SACRED.
IF YOU WERE IN THE MILITARY,
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY DO YOU CARE FOR THAT LANDER?

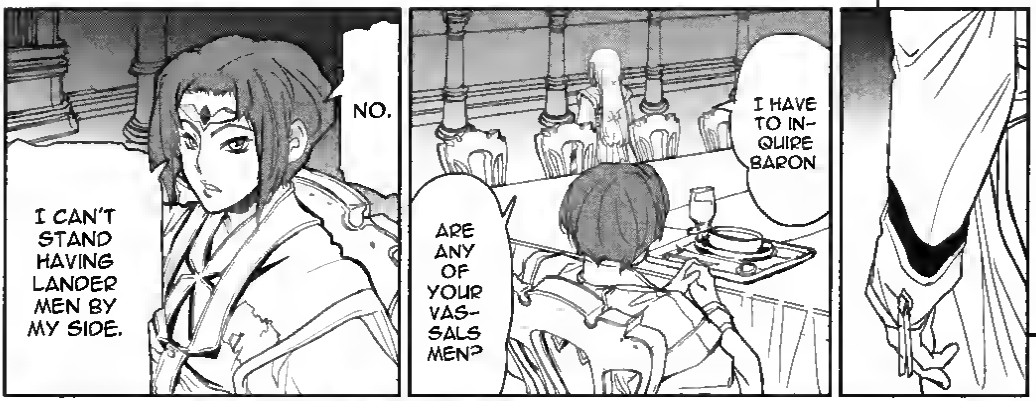

I PLAN TO FULFILL MY DUTY.
EVEN IF YOUR PRECIOUS TERRITORY GOES UP IN FLAMES


THOUGH IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT GOES UP IN FLAMES.

I SEE. NO MATTER WHAT HE WON'T LET ME NEAR THE COMM. SHIP

GIVE THE CHEF MY THANKS AND APOLO-GIES.
I'VE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH.
AH, YOUR HIGHNESS THIS IS A SIDE DISH. THERE IS STILL MORE FOOD.


HER HIGHNESS IS TIRED AND IS GOING TO REST. ALL OF YOU STAY NEAR HER UNTIL SHE GOES TO SLEEP.
TAKE HER HIGH-NESS TO HER BED-ROOM.


NO.
I CAN'T STAND HAVING LANDER MEN BY MY SIDE.
I HAVE TO INQUIRE BARON
ARE ANY OF YOUR VASSALS MEN?

THE REASONS FOR DISLIKING YOU HAVE INCREASED BY ONE.